

A strange Prophecie,  
 AGAINST  
**B I S H O P S,**  
 PRELATES, AND ALL  
 other *Priests*, which have not kept the faith-  
 full Order of *Priesthood*; And also against the  
 Transgressors of Righteousnesse  
 in these Times.

Together with the Downe-fall and destruction of  
*Poperie*, and the Ruine of *Romes* Monarchall and  
 Tyranical Government.

Prophetically declared, that in the yeares  
 1641, 1642, and 1643. The reformed Churches in these  
 Westerne Islands, should (both King and People)  
 joyn with a religious consent to abolish  
 them out of the Church.

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## The Preface to the Reader.

**W**ether these or such like Prophecies be of God, and proceed from the Holy Ghost or no, let the godly judge. But surely it is commonly seene when God will shew his displeasure and indignation, and intendeth to bring to passe some great act, that all creatures doe prophesy before, and give warning, although it helpe but little. Even so touching the subversion of Jerusalem, his Prophets did prophecy it before but it availed not. Christ himselfe had threatened it unto them. The Apostles had warned them thereof. They heard voices in the Temple. They saw signes in the Element. They heard battels in the cloud. Mad men, and such as were out of their wits, did prophecy it unto them, but all these signes prevailed not, they saw it in act and yet it prevailed not. They might have remedied it, if they would have suffered the Emperour to rule over them, but all prevailed nothing, for they were destroyed because they despised Gods word.

Even so shall it happen unto the Papists also. It is prophecie by Daniel in the 7. and 8. chap. It is prophecie unto them by Zachiariah in the 11. chap. It is prophecie by St. John in the Revel. It is prophecie unto them by Christ himselfe, Matth. 24. It is prophecie unto them by St. Paul, 2. Thes. 2. and 1. Tim. 4. It is prophecie unto them by St. Pet. 2. It prevaleth not. Their owne Bishops, Abbots, Monkes and Nunnes prophecy unto them, but it prevaleth not. It is prophecie unto them by Astronomers. It is prophecie unto them by the common

rumour with certainte Prophesies. It is prodicted unto them by sevynnes and signes in the Element; but all prevariceth not, they might turne it, if they would not presume to be aboue Gods Word and mens consciences, but would suffer God and his truelth to raigne over them, and all mens consciences, but all prevariceth nothing, therefore must they be destroyed, there is no remedie, & that whiche they will not now, they must ne. See to their grefe at last, when all helpe is past.

Wherefore let no good Christian grieve himselfe with them, but rather suffer and take patience, and pray to God that it would please him to revenge the blood of his Saints, and speedily to deliever us from these cruell Tyrants, & all their mischievous or rather hellish embauchments. Thereby shall a man get a greater conquest over them, then by Sword and Armour. God knoweth well where such a Titus is, as shall be the finall destruclion of these arrogant Rabbies, or contemptuous Jewes also. To whom be all honour, praise, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Prophecie of HILGARD.

**A**ll worldly Princes and the common people also, shall fiercely fall upon you Priests, which hitherto have abused me. They will turne you away from them, and put you to flight. They shall take away your substance and riches, because that in your time, you have not kept the order of your Priesthood well. These words will they speake by you. Let us cast these Oath-breakers, robbers, and people replenished with all kind of iniquity, forth of the holy Catholique Church:

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Church: for the holy Church is contaminated and pol-  
luted by them. And therefore will God suffer also  
such things to come over you. Yea, the Kings of the  
world, shall assist them with their earthly power and  
might that shall withstand you. Your Priestly dignity  
and anointing they will esteeme as nothing worth, and  
to that purpose will they gather together in Councell,  
that they may drive you out of their Dominions, be-  
cause you have driven away the most holy and innocent  
Lambe from you, with your vngodly and abominable  
workes. Then shall the Heavens raine downe divers  
Plagues, which shall be as a revenge of God upon men.  
The miste shall cover the whole Earth, so that all your  
grasse shall dry up, and your ornaments become pale.  
The deepe shall suffer Earthquakes, and then shall ap-  
peare the very anger of God, and the rage both of Hea-  
ven and Earrh. God will send a righteous and straight  
judgement against the transgessors of Rightesunnesse.  
And then shall we say altogether. How long shall we  
forbear and suffer these ravening Wolves? they ought  
to have bin feeders of the soules, but they be destroyers  
of them. They bind and vnbind at their owne pleasure  
(yet such power belongeth not unto them) and as most  
fearefull beasts they utterly cast us away. And thus re-  
maine we still in our misery and they in their sins, in so-  
much that all Christendome perisheth through them.  
And whatsoever is right that write they not, but wteſt,  
and onely doe that which is contrary to the Law of  
God. They devoure us, as the Wolfe devoureth  
the sheepe; they live continually in lust and glut-  
tony, they bee very robbers of the Church, and  
such mid night feeders.

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whatsoever they can catch or come by, they take and devoure it. They make us also with their occupation poore and beggerly. They damne themselves & desire to destroy us also. Therefore will we judge them righteously, and seperate them from vs, for they be rather seducers then teachers, &c. Yet are they not for it, but remaine so still, seeking to make all Kingdomes subject unto them. Nevertheless, for all this they must away, and leave behind them all that they have, neyther shall they afterward rule any more ouer the people againe, with Lands, Possessions, Vineyards, and other temporall goods, which worldly Princes be appointed for. A Pope shold be a Pope, a Knight a Knight, a Gentleman a Gentleman, wherefore all such things as they possesse unrighteously, shall be taken away from them. &c. But against the same will the spiritualitie as heads of this world repine and rebell: to wit, the Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, Abbats, and other Prelates. First with their curse, and with shutting up of the Heavens, but the same will not serve, neither shall men feare it any whit. After that, they will get them to their armour and weapons, thinking therewith to defend themselves, but against the judgement of God they can doe nothing, for their time is come, &c. Thus much prophecied the Nunne *Hildegard*.

So now must the bloody whore drinke of her owne Challice, and the beast with the false Prophets be cast down into the bottomlesse pit, where as is no rest night nor day where to suffer paines eternally. And then will Christ raise up faithfull shepheards to feed his flock. What these shall be, we find in the Scriptures plainly enough declared, as they that came from him, and how

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Now may it fail, or what defet can be in such as God sendeth? God is Righteous, and also sendeth good shep-  
heards when he seeth his time. They doe righteouslē,  
and as they teacheuen so they live.

These be the true seruants which Christ speakeþ of, which in due time set forth the gifts and glory of the Father of the household, and not their owne traditions; whereof as yet the whole world is full. But the Lord (at his good pleasure) for his sonne Iesus Chists sake, will scoume away all filthinesse and make his glory appare. So be it.

*The Conclusion.*

**D**ivers other like Prophecies there are no whit necessary to be written, because I hope there will amendment follow after this, except the Readers be found to want the chiefe effects of the dinesse and eares : for whom would not this ancient, true, and faithfull declaration of the *Romish* and *Babylonish* strumper, bring to conversion and knowledge? Shee is here so cleerly set forth and painted with all her fadness and colours, that it cannot be done more distinctly. Hath she not with her Chalice made drunke, and with her subtily and deceit overcome Emperors, Kings, Princes, *Louis?* and with her snares overthrown all Christendome? Let every man marke it well. Whendid they any other thing but Pole and shave, lye and deceite, burne, and banne, continually increasing warres and murder? untill such time as they were become heads of all Kingdomes. &c. The same (as aboue mentioned) hath endured many yeares, but now will take an end. For the time of the Whore is come about, and he commeth that speaketh in the *Apocalips*, saying: *I am Al-*

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the and Omega, the beginning & the ending, the first & the  
last. Blessed be they that follow his Commandments,  
to the end, that they may come to the tree of life, and  
and enter in at those straight gates of the celestiall tem-  
ple, out of which shall be secluded all Unbelieuers,  
Enchamters, Whores, murderers, Idolatres, and all  
such as love and follow after lyes, whose portion is in  
the unquenchable Lake that burneth with fire and  
Brimstone.

Now hath Jesus Christ sent his Angell againe, to  
shew the people that he is the very roore of Devil, and  
the cleere morning Starre, and in none other is there  
any saluation, but in him onely, for it is written There  
is no other name vnder heauen wheteby we may be  
saved, but this onely. See, Now he that is faithfull till he  
that is holy, let him become more holy, and continue  
to the end, and let him not long for the time appre-  
hended. And thus let every man be warned, for when  
halmooched happy are they that open, but to those that  
des not so, the danger is apparent : for astrologie, horo-  
scopie and all holy Rivers are misstred in vaine.  
Wherfore let us beware of beeing Christians onely  
in name, and let us pray God to blesse us, and to grant  
us full graces, and that he would vouchsafe to guide us  
rightly by his holy Spirit. Amen.

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